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TAGS: SHUM, PINS, PINTN ES
SUBJECT: EFFORT TO ADVANCE HUMAN RIGHTS IN EL
SALVADOR

1. WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN VISITED BY A SERIES OF PERSONS
FROM THE UNITED STATES INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE STATUS
OF HUMAN-RIGHTS ACTIVITIES IN EL SALVADOR. THESE HAVE
INCLUDED KAREN DE YOUNG OF THE WASHINGTON POST, CRESSIDA
MCKEAN OF WOLA, DR. FOX OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION
OF JURISTS, PROFESSOR THOMAS P. ANDERSON AUTHOR OF
"MATANZA," AND OTHERS.

2. HAVING IN MIND THE APPARENT FEELING IN SOME QUARTERS
THAT LACK OF PUBLIC POLEMICS, OPEN DENUNCIATION, AND OTHER
CONFRONTATIONAL MEASURES IS TANTAMOUNT TO A DO-NOTHING
POSTURE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, I HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE
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PRESENCE OF THESE PRESUMABLY RESPONSIBLE PERSONS TO DISCUSS
WITH THEM RATHER FRANKLY SOME OF THE EMBASSY'S ACTIVITIES
TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN EL SALVADOR. ON
A STRICTLY BACKGROUND BASIS AND SPECIFICALLY NOT FOR
PUBLICATION I HAVE TOLD THEM OF OUR PRIVATE TALKS WITH
GOES OFFICIALS, OUR EFFORTS WITH RESPECT TO THE LAW FOR
THE DEFENSE OF PUBLIC ORDER, AND OUR UTILIZATION OF THEIR

OWN PUBLISHED MATERIALS TO IMPRESS UPON THE GOES THE
INCREASING NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE REALITY OF THIS
COUNTRY'S HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION AS SEEN FROM ABROAD.

3. THE VISITORS HAVE REACTED WITH APPARENT INTEREST TO
THIS PRESENTATION. I HAVE TRIED TO EMPHASIZE THE POINT
THAT SUCH QUIET EFFORTS BASED UPON A CAREFULLY DEVELOPED
LEVEL OF LOCAL CREDIBILITY CAN BE A UNIQUE AND VALUABLE
SUPPLEMENT TO ACTION GOING FORWARD ON OTHER FRONTS.

4. IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THE VISITOR'S AWARENESS OF
OUR EFFORTS AND THEIR DISCREET HANDLING OF SUCH INFORMA-
TION MAY CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER HANDLING OF UNDERSTANDING
AND COOPERATION AMONG ALL OF US WHO ARE WORKING TOWARD
THE GOAL OF IMPROVED HUMAN RIGHTS.
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